## THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

## ORGANISATION & STRUCTURE

The WHO is a Specialised Agency of the United Nations, governed by an Executive Board of its member states, and the annual general meeting, the World Health Assembly.

There is a headquarters secretariat in Geneva plus six Regional Offices. A selective outline structure of some parts of the organisation follows, which is intended to situate the Smoking & Health Unit within the total organisation.

Policy is made by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board, but there is contribution to the WHO's activities from individual countries through their own Regional Executive Committee and the Regional Office. According to specialised sources the WHO's total programme is the result of a very political process, even though the professionals and technical bureaucrats in the secretariat might prefer it otherwise.

## FUNDING

The total expenditure for 1986/87 is estimated to be US\$990,730,000. The sources of this money are follows:

Member states

 'Occasional' receipts (e.g. Sales & Services)
 United Nations (UNDP, UNICEF, UN Population program etc).
 Trust Funds
 Pan American Health Organization
 Miscellaneous and ad hoc grants
 \*436,730,000

Over 60% of money from member states comes from the 'top 5', with the USA providing 25%. Large numbers of states pay around 1%, and the very poorest and smallest countries pay only 0.01% which is the minimum (Guinea, Albania, Malawi and Sri Lanka among others). Below are a few countries, for interest & comparison (All figures for 1986/87).

25.00 %
10.35 %
10.13 %
8.38 %
6.39 %
4.58 %
3.67 %
3.02 %
1.36 %
1.36 %
1.30 %
1.30 %
0.35 %
0.02 %

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Total number of bureaux, services or units (excluding HQ Administration) = 112 of which Smoking and Health is one.

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